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1. JAN 19 PRESS COVERAGE OF PTS CASE WAS LIGHT. ALL PAPERS NOTE CONTINUING INTERROGATION, QUOTING SWILLINGER, MICHEL, AND SEVERAL KOREANS AS SAYING QUESTIONING LIKELY TO LAST ANOTHER WEEK. EXPECTED RELEASE OF MPAA TEXT JAN 20 IS REPORTED.

2. REP. CHARLES WILSON (CAL.) INTERVIEW IN JAN ISSUE OF LOCAL MAGAZINE "DIPLOMACY" EXTENSIVELY QUOTED. REP. WILSON RATIONALIZES KOREAN LOBBYING, OPPOSES TROOP WITHDRAWAL, AND SAYS THAT "PRES. PAK WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH PRES. CARTER".

3. ALL PAPERS CARRY REP. PASSMAN'S DENIAL THAT HE ACCEPTED BRIBES FROM PTS.

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4. TONG A ILBO QUOTES REP. CAPUTO IN WASHINGTON STAR SAYING THAT PTS, IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION IN SEOUL, ACCEPTED OFFER OF CLOSED-SESSION TESTIMONY FOLLOWED BY OPEN TESTIMONY LATER.

5. ALL PAPERS QUOTE ATTY GEN BELL IN WASHINGTON POST SAYING HE WILL NOTIFY CONGRESSMEN WHO ARE EXONERATED BY PTS INTERROGATION.

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